# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECT:	ION 1. Section 708-831, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by	y amending subsection (1) to read as follows:
3	"(1)	A person commits the offense of theft in the second
4	degree if	the person commits theft:
5	(a)	Of property from the person of another;
6	(b)	Of property or services the value of which exceeds
7		[\$300;] \$750; provided that on January 1, 2017, and on
8		January 1 of each year thereafter, the value shall be
9		increased to the sum of the previous year's value plus
10		two per cent of the previous year's value, rounded up
11		to the nearest dollar;
12	(c)	Of an aquacultural product or part thereof from
13		premises that are fenced or enclosed in a manner
14		designed to exclude intruders or there is prominently
15		displayed on the premises a sign or signs sufficient
16		to give notice and reading as follows: "Private

Property", "No Trespassing", or a substantially
similar message;

Of agricultural equipment, supplies, or products, or 3 (d) 4 part thereof, the value of which exceeds \$100 but does 5 not exceed \$20,000, or of agricultural products that 6 exceed twenty-five pounds, from premises that are 7 fenced, enclosed, or secured in a manner designed to 8 exclude intruders or there is prominently displayed on 9 the premises a sign or signs sufficient to give notice 10 and reading as follows: "Private Property", "No 11 Trespassing", or a substantially similar message; or if at the point of entry of the premise, a crop is 12 13 visible. The sign or signs, containing letters not less than two inches in height, shall be placed along 14 15 the boundary line of the land in a manner and in such 16 position as to be clearly noticeable from outside the 17 boundary line. Possession of agricultural products 18 without ownership and movement certificates, when a 19 certificate is required pursuant to chapter 145, is prima facie evidence that the products are or have 20 21 been stolen; or

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1	(e)	Of agricultural commodities that are generally known
2		to be marketed for commercial purposes. Possession of
3		agricultural commodities without ownership and
4		movement certificates, when a certificate is required
5		pursuant to section 145-22, is prima facie evidence
6		that the products are or have been stolen; provided
7		that "agriculture commodities" has the same meaning as
8		in section 145-21."
9	SECT	ION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
10	matured,	penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
11	begun bef	ore its effective date.
12	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Theft in the Second Degree; Value of Property or Services

#### Description:

Increases the monetary threshold to \$750 with respect to property or services for theft in the second degree. Provides for two percent automatic yearly increase beginning January 1, 2017, and on January 1 in each year thereafter. (SB569 HD1)

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